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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT WASHINGTON POST STORY MAY ENDANGER LIFE OF ARGENTINE
HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER

1. WE WERE DISMAYED AT THE ARTICLE BY CHARLES KRAUSE ON
TORTURE IN ARGENTINA PRINTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST ON
OCTOBER 29. WHOLE PASSAGES WERE LIFTED FROM AN EMBASSY
MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION DATED JULY 10, 1978, IN WHICH WE
DESCRIBED AN INTERVIEW WITH ALFREDO BRAVO.

2. KRAUSE TELLS US HIS STORY WAS BASED ON A DOCUMENT
BROUGHT TO BUENOS AIRES FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO
BY A US CITIZEN
WELL KNOWN TO HIM--HE DID NO ELABORATE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD
MADE EFFORTS TO DISGUISE THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON UNDER TORTURE
IN FILING HIS STORY, AND THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED ITS APPROPRIATE
NESS
WITH THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY'S EMILIO MIGNONE BEFORE FILING.
WHEN THE DOCUMENT WAS GIVEN TO KRAUSE IT WAS WITH THE COMMENT
THAT IT WAS BEING WIDELY CIRCULATED AMONG HUMAN RIGHTS
ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

3. WE FEAR THAT DESPITE KRAUSE'S EFFORTS TO DISGUISE
THE PERSON DESCRIBED HE CAN BE TRACED BY SPECIFIC
TIME AND PLACE REFERENCES IN THE STORY, SHOULD A SECURITY
SERVICE SET OUT TO DO THIS. THERE IS A REAL DANGER TO
BRAVO FROM THE STORY'S PUBLICATION.

4. AT MY DIRECTION, RSO INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY
OF A LEAK FROM THIS EMBASSY. HIS REPORT INDICATES THAT
THIS MEMCON WAS HANDLED WITH PARTICULAR CARE AND
CIRCULATION OF THE EMBASSY'S TWO COPIES WAS LIMITED TO
DRAFTING OFFICER, ACTING CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION, AN
AMERICAN SECRETARY AND THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM. HE
CONCLUDES THAT A LEAK HERE WAS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. COPIES
OF THE CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS XGDS-4 MEMORANDUM WERE SENT
IN AUGUST 1978 TO P - UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM, HA -
MS. DERIAN, ARA - MR. MCNEIL, AND ARA/ECA - MR. BUMPUS.
I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THE LEAK OCCURED IN WASHINGTON.

5. SINCE THIS EVENT MAY WELL HAVE MANY ASPECTS OF
WHICH I AM UNAWARE, I AM BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION
ALONE. IF YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROCEED TO RAISE THE
ISSUE OF THE LEAK VIA REGULAR SY CHANNELS, PLEASE LET
ME KNOW.
CASTRO

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